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Admiral Stansfield Turner
The Director
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Dear Admiral Turner:

From October 16 through October 19, TIME's Publisher, Ralph Davidson, will be entertaining on a working visit in Washington a group of about 25 of Western Europe's foremost industrial and financial leaders. A list of acceptances received to date is enclosed. This group met with us here in 1971 for a "Report on America," and we, from time to time, have visited with them in Europe. This kind of working visit with our friends from abroad is a valuable part of our communications endeavors and we expect to expose them to various facets of the new national administration.

In this connection, Mr. Davidson has asked us to contact you to ascertain if you would be willing to meet informally with this important group preferably in your auditorium or offices on Monday, October 17, at 10:30 a.m. If you are willing to do this in principle, but find this date or time inconvenient, we would be anxious to alter our schedule to make a visit with you possible. Ideally, we would like you to brief our group for 20 minutes or so on aspects of the worldwide intelligence picture, and perhaps afford our visitors a chance for some questions. Then, if you so choose, they would be delighted to hear from a few of your associates. The format and content though would be entirely up to you, of course.

All of us at TIME are most hopeful that you will be able to meet with our group and we know that such a meeting would be a high point of the Washington trip for our visitors.

Very sincerely,

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